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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Docket Nos. CP17-56-000, CP17-57-000]**

**Texas Eastern Transmission, L.P.; Brazoria Interconnector Gas Pipeline, LLC;**

**Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Stratton Ridge Expansion Project**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Stratton Ridge Expansion Project (Project), proposed by Texas Eastern Transmission, L.P. and Brazoria Interconnector Gas Pipeline, LLC (together referred to as Applicants) in the above-referenced dockets. The Applicants request authorization to construct certain facilities designed to transport up to 322 million cubic feet per day of natural gas on a firm basis from Texas Eastern Transmission, L.P.'s existing interconnections to a delivery point on the Brazoria Interconnector Gas Pipeline near Stratton Ridge, Texas.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The proposed Project includes the following facilities:

- a 0.5-mile-long new pipeline lateral (BIG Interconnect) connecting the proposed new Angleton Compressor Station to the existing BIG Pipeline in Brazoria County, Texas;
- the new Angleton Compressor Station, a 12,500 horsepower electrically-powered compressor station in Brazoria County, Texas;
- pressure regulation modifications at the existing Joaquin Compressor Station in Shelby County, Texas;
- installation of Clean Burn technologies at the existing Mont Belvieu Compressor Station in Chambers County, Texas;
- modifications to existing pig<sup>1</sup> launchers at the at the existing Huntsville Compressor Station, in San Jacinto County, Texas; and Hempstead Compressor Station in Waller County, Texas;
- modifications to an existing pig launcher/receiver, facility crossover piping and a valve at the existing Provident City Station in Lavaca County, Texas;
- a new aboveground wire-line launcher/receiver assembly site and interconnect valve site near milepost 0.5 of the BIG Interconnect Pipeline in Brazoria County, Texas; and
- replacement of existing 16-inch-diameter crossover piping and valve with new 24-inch-diameter crossover piping and valve at an existing facility in Lavaca County, Texas.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups;

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<sup>1</sup> A pig is an internal pipeline device used to clean or inspect the pipeline.

Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and newspapers and libraries in the project area. In addition, the EA is available for public viewing on the FERC's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Public Reference Room

888 First Street NE, Room 2A

Washington, DC 20426

(202) 502-8371

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before **November 4, 2017**.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket numbers (CP17-56-000 and CP17-57-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic

filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov).

- (1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;
- (2) You can also file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on eRegister. You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select Comment on a Filing; or
- (3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address:

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
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Washington, DC 20426

Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).<sup>2</sup> Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. The Commission grants affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but **you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.**

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at **(866) 208-FERC**, or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on General Search, and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., CP17-56 or CP17-57). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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<sup>2</sup> See the previous discussion on the methods for filing comments.

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Dated: October 5, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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